In addition to the above, the State of Chhattisgarh issued notification for the establishment of 97 Universities. Subsequently 60 Universities were denotified by the State Government. The remaining 37 Universities have ceased to exist as a result of the Supreme Court of India's judgement dated 11 February, 2005 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 19/2004: Prof Yash Pal & Ors. *Vs.* State of Chhattisgarh & Ors.

The information in respect of professional institutions set up during the last five years is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d) In order to maintain standards of higher education the UGC (Establishment and Maintenance of Standards in Private Universities) Regulations, 2003 were issued on 27th December, 2003 and are in force.

These Regulations apply to every private university established by or incorporated under a State Act, before or after the commencement of these regulations and also apply to all the Degrees/Diplomas/Certificates offered by such universities. The UGC also undertakes on the spot inspections of the private universities by sending the inspection committees to see that the stipulated parameters of the Regulations have been followed.

(e) The Government constituted a Committee under Prof. C.N.R. Rao for making recommendations for the regulation and operation of foreign universities in India; The Committee in its report has recommended *inter-alia* that the operation of Foreign Education Providers be allowed after putting in place suitable regulatory mechanisms.

IIT status to Osmania and Andhra Universities

1452. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give IIT status to Osmania and Andhra Universities in A.P.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have put some conditions to elevate the above two universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have sent any Central team to assess the infrastructure and other facilities in both the universities; and

(e) if not, when is it going to sent its team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) An Expert Committee to identify such promising academic institutions which have potential of upgrading to the level of IITs was set up by the Government which has since submitted its report. The University College of Engineering combined with the University college of Technology, both belonging to Osmania University and Andhra University College of Engineering are amongst the seven short-listed Institutes identified by the Expert Committee. While short-listing, the Committee was, however, of the view that in the light of substantial gap between the selected Institutes and IITs it would not be correct to position these Institutes straight way alongside the IITs. The Institutes were asked to prepare a Vision Document in order to upgrade them to the level of IIT. The Vision Documents have been received. A team to assess the infrastructure and other facilities will be sent, if necessary

Review of Bharat Shiksha Kosh

1453. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review Bharat Shiksha Kosh and to put a ban on the direct flow of the Tax-free donations of alumni associations to their *alma mater*;

(b) if so, the status report prepared in this regard; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?